

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☒ I wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 24, 2009 - CENTERVILLE WI.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☒ Project Purpose and Need ☒

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

I-180-002 ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings) - SPRAYING UNDER POWER LINES

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-180-003 DECENTRALIZING CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS IS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE. THE INCENTIVE MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO LOCAL COUNTIES TO COME UP WITH SMALL SCALE PROJECTS TO OFFSET ELECTRICAL

I-180-004 DEMAND. THESE LARGE SCALE PROJECTS TO HAUL ELECTRICITY SEVERAL MILES OVERHEAD ACROSS MANY STATES IS NOT INTELLIGENT.

I-180-005 FROM THE SHEER WASTE TO THE HEALTH EFFECTS THIS IS TERRIBLE WE ALL SEE THIS IS JUST TO MAKE US MORE ENSLAVED TO BIG ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND THEIR SIDE BUSINESS'S.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-180-008 | I HIKE FISH AND CAMP ALL THROUGH THESE VALLEYS
I-180-009 | THESE LINES ARE A COMPLETE EYE SORE AND HEALTH
I-180-010 | HAZARD. I CONSUME MANY VARIOUS THINGS FROM
THESE AREA AS FAR AS FOOD AND YOUR SPRAYING ALONG
WITH DESTROYING WILDLIFE HABITAT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO
I-180-011 | ME AND MY WAY OF LIFE. THIS PROJECT IS
COMPLETELY UNNEEDED; DECENTRALIZING AND GIVING RESIDENTIAL
HOMES THE MONEY YOU GUYS ARE PUSHING FOR IS THE ANSWER
GIVING US TAXPAYERS OUR TAX DOLLARS TO GO SOLAR

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-180-012 | IT IS ALL VALUABLE! YOU ARE GOING TO CLEAR CUT
I-180-013 | THE AREA 300' WIDE THEN ERECT TOWERS THAT EMIT
STRAY VOLTAGE AND IONIZE PARTICLES. NOT TO MENTION
THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER HIKE DOWN THERE AROUND OR
UNDER THE LINES AS WELL AS HUNT OR FISH UNDER
I-180-014 | THEM. ALSO YOU WILL SPRAY RANDOM CHEMICAL UNDERNEATH
THEM EVERY YEAR TO KILL INDISCRIMINATELY WHAT YOU
DEEM A NUISANCE. WITH ALL THE CHEMICALS SPRAYED
EVERYWHERE WHAT DOES SURVIVE? AND WHAT ARE THE
INTERACTIONS AND TOXIC SIDE EFFECTS OF MIXING ALL
THESE CHEMICALS AND ALLOWING THEM TO GET BACK INTO
OUR WATER SUPPLY

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-180-001 NO! IT WAS NOT EXPLAINED WELL. SOME OF THE CHARTS AND GRAPHS YOU USED FOR STATISTICS ARE SKEWED AND FROM EARLIER YEARS SUCH AS 2002, 2003, AND 2004 SINCE THEN WE HAVE ALL CUT BACK ON ENERGY USAGE
- I-180-006 LATER MORE RECENT GRAPHS PROVE THAT. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AS A WHOLE GROUP RATHER THAN THE WAY IT WAS DONE FOR THEN WE COULD HEAR ALL CONCERNS AND "ANSWERS" AS A GROUP WE ALL KNOW WHY IT WAS DONE THE WAY IT WAS DONE!
- I-180-007 I FOUND ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES DENIED TRUTH OR TRIED MAKE UP ANSWERS TO THE TRULY TUFF QUESTIONS SUCH AS: "WHAT CHEMICALS DO YOU SPRAY UNDERNEATH THE POWER LINES" ONLY ONE GUY OUT OF FOUR SAID HE DIDNT KNOW BUT WOULD GET ME THE ANSWERS. OVERALL SOME VERY "DODGY" ANSWERING

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-180-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-180-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-003

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-004

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-006

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-007

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-009

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-010

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-011

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-180-012

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-013

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-014

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.